

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant is appreciative that the Examiner has indicated that claims 13-19 are allowable. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice by this response and the application is now in allowable condition.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a), because they fail to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In response, a new drawing sheet illustrating new FIGS. 4-6 has been submitted to more distinctly describe and illustrate the elements specified in the claims. Specifically, as suggested by the Examiner, the specification has been amended and new figures are submitted to illustrate the following features of the claimed invention: internal coating material (40); residue (28); coloring agent (32); temporary seal (36); and permanent seal (44). Applicant submits that support for the specification and drawing amendments is found on pages 4 and 5 of the original specification. No new matter has been added by this response.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the drawing objections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the present Amendment places all claims of the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such

amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at telephone number (323) 751-7680 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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